

## DECLARATION BY INVENTORS

Each of the below named inventors, hereby declares that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention,

**Entitled:** Pre-filtering to Increase Watermark Signal to Noise Ratio

**Docket Number:** EWG-091 US,

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specifications, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made, with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

CLAIM OF PRIORITY BASED ON FOREIGN APPLICATIONS: NONE

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY BASED ON PREVIOUSLY FILED U.S. APPLICATIONS:**

**Application Serial Number 60/125,349 filed March 19, 1999 which is now pending.**

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